

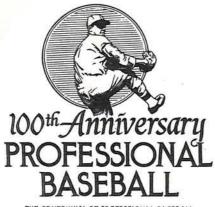




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C. Stephen Anderson Cachet - Black color.



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Reprint from POSTAL BULLETIN No. 20717 - August 28, 1969

All Postal Installations

6-Cent Baseball Commemorative Postage Stamp

The 6-cent postage stamp marking the 100th anniversary of professional baseball will be issued on September 24, 1969, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

POSTMASTERS SHALL NOT PLACE THIS STAMP ON SALE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25, 1969



Size: 0.84" x 1.44" (horizontal)

ISSUED IN PANES OF 50 Initial printing: 120 million

Alex Ross of Ridgefield, Conn., designed the stamp, which will be printed in four colors by three passes on the presses. It depicts a batter in white uniform, red cap, and black sweat shirt. The foreground is green and the background yellow. The inscription is black. Yellow and green was the first offset pass; red and black the second. An additional black was applied by the RCA press.

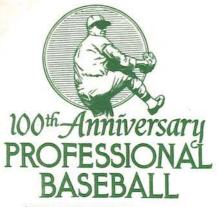
To obtain first-day cancellations, collectors may submit requests to the Postmaster, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. See Postal Manual section 145.3. Selected mint stamps will be available at the Philatelic Sales Unit, City Post Office, Washington, D.C. 20013, on and after September 25, 1969. All of this issue will be tagged.

All classes of post offices will receive an initial supply of the stamps under the automatic distribution schedule.

First- and second-class post offices requiring additional bulk quantities should immediately submit a separate requisition (Form 3356) to the Bureau of Engraving and Pharting (Item 421).

All post offices requiring less than bulk quantities matic distribution may submit a separate Square accountable papers of separate square and endorse at top "Adcount so endorsed will be returned.—Office of the Professional Baseball Postmaster General, 8-28-69.

United States Postal Bulletin of the 6-cent Baseball Commemorative Postage stamp serviced with the First Day of Issue of stamp.



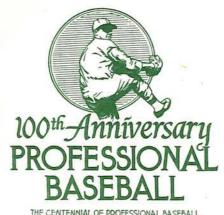




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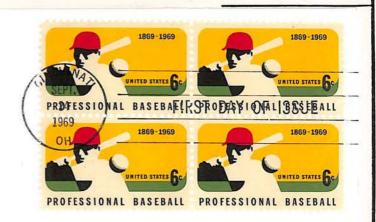
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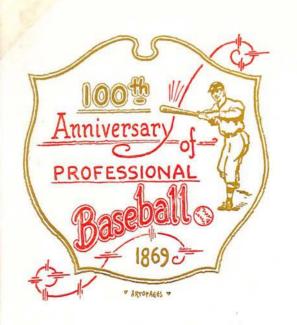


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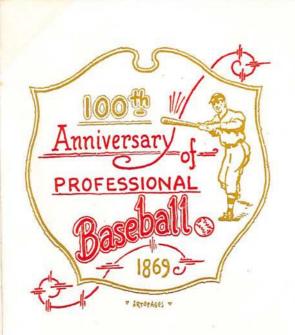
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Artopages Cachet.



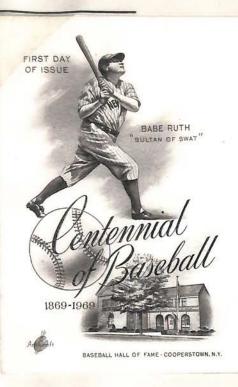




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Artopages Cachet. Affixed with 3¢ baseball stamp.





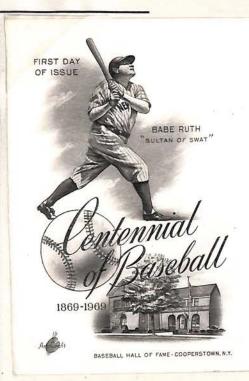


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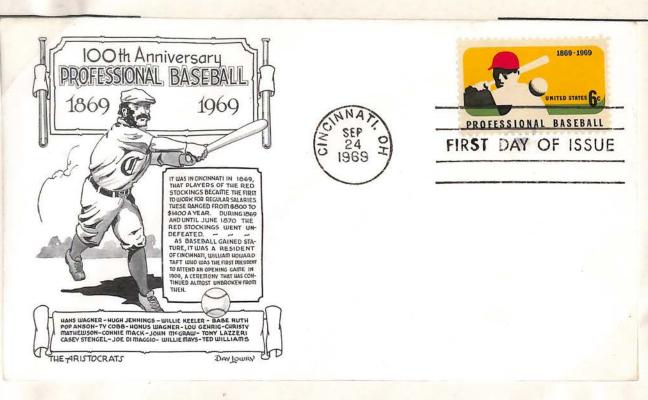
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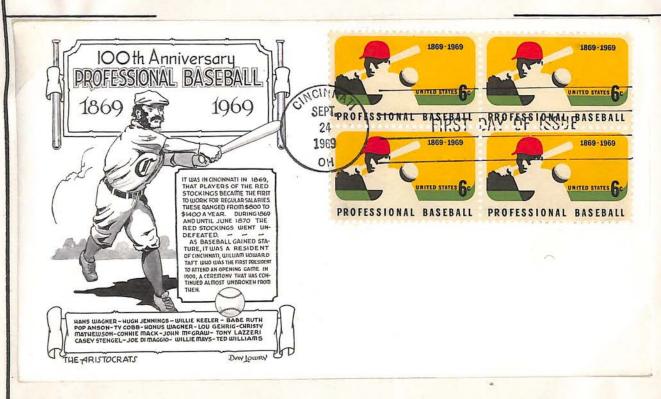




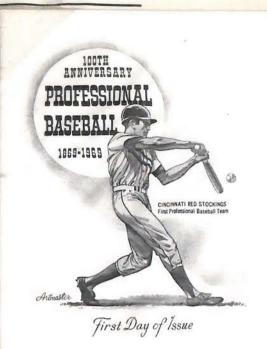
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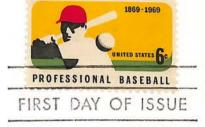
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Aristocrats Cachet - Day Lowry - Artist. Hand cancel.



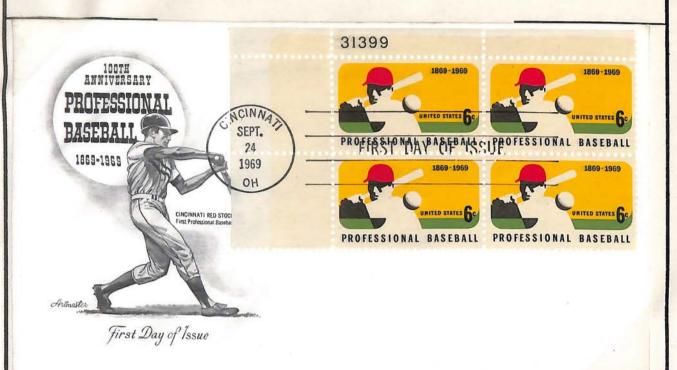




Artmaster Cachet. Machine cancel.



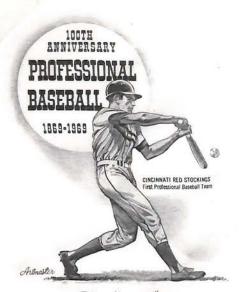
Artmaster Cachet. Hand cancel. Signed by Joe Hauser, All time Minor League Home Run Hitter.



Artmaster Cachet. Plate block No. 31399.



Artmaster Cachet. Plate block No. 31407.



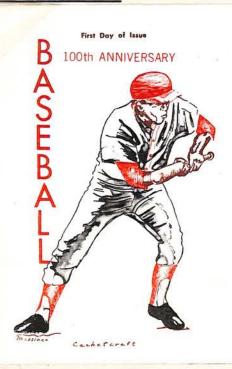




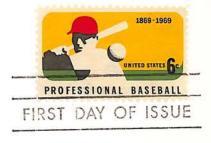


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Artmaster Cachet. Affixed with 3¢ baseball stamp.

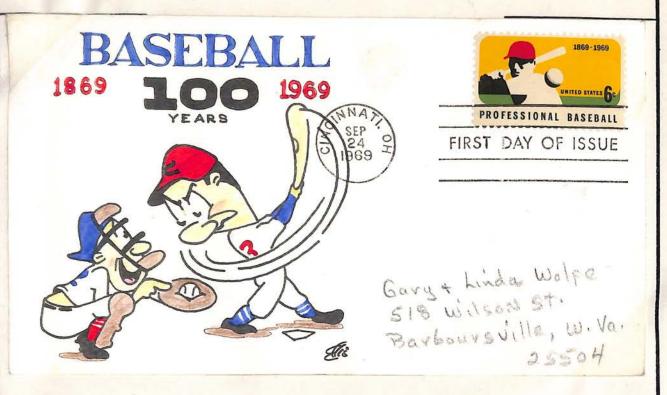






Mrs. D. J. Galstad 2322 Madison St. La Crosse, Wisc. 54601

Cachetcraft Cachet - Messinee- artist.



Animated Covers - Richard E. Ellis - Artist.

Night Scene at Fenway Park



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Mr. Daniel Magner
New England Life Insurance Company
501 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Boston Red Sox Cachet - Honoring 100th Anniversary of Baseball.







Bobby George, Jr. Cachet.

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C. George, F. D. C. 1135 Park Terrace Plainfield, N. J. U. S. A. 07062







Cincinnati Reds/Tri-State Cover Society/David C. Machine Cancel.

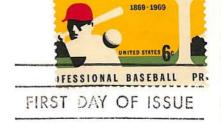




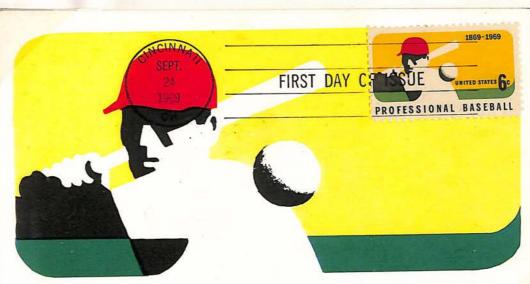
Cincinnati Reds/Tri-State Cover Society/David C. Hand cancel.







Cincinnati Reds/Tri-State Cover Society. <u>Perforation shift of stamp to the right</u>, affixed to the First Day Cover.



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Colorano Card.



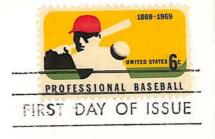
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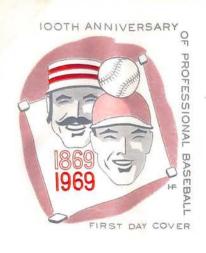
#1381 Colorano Card serviced with the First Day of Issue of Babe Ruth stamp.





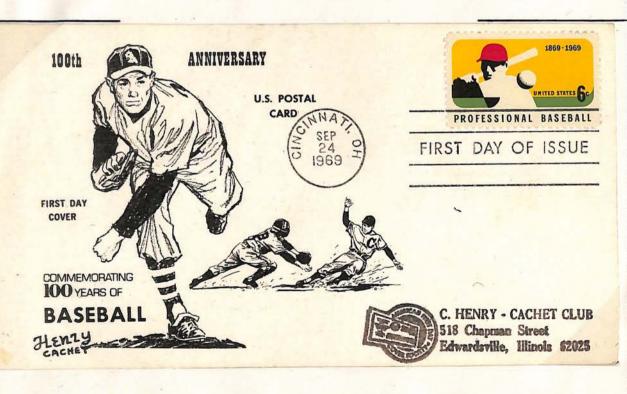


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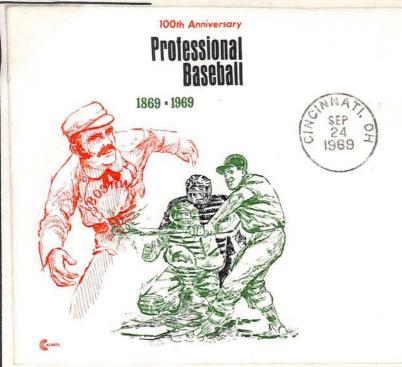




House of Farnam Cachet.



Henzy Cachet Card - C. Henry - Cachet Club.





Cover Craft Cachet.



Cover Craft Cachet. Affixed with the 3¢ baseball stamp.



Cover Craft Cachet. Hand Cancel.

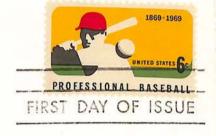


David C. Handdrawn Cachet, with names added-on.









Fleetwood Cachet.

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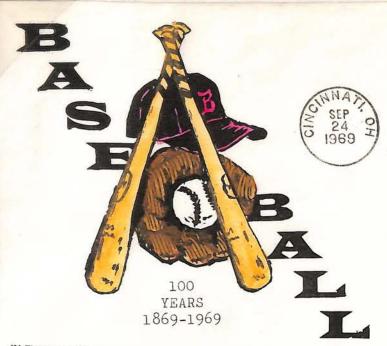
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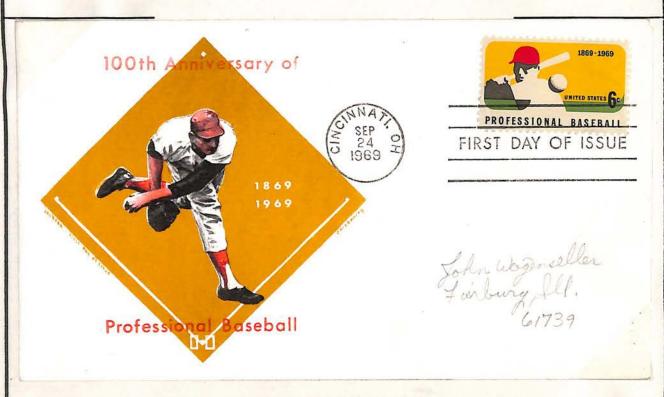


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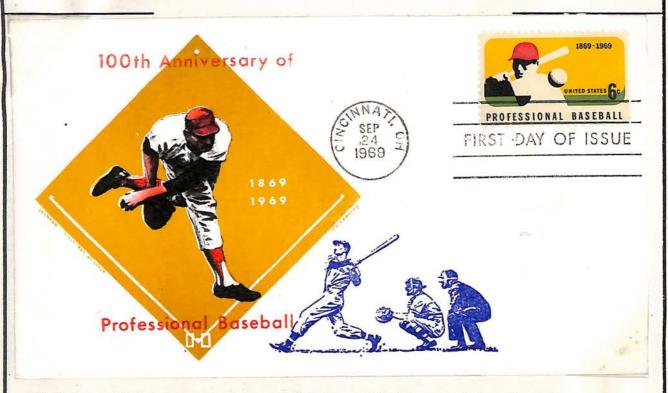
JN Jean Nicklin. Cachet in multicolor.



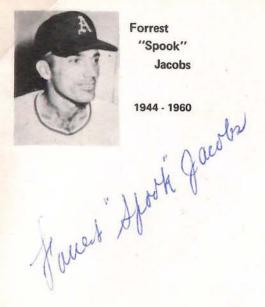
Jackson - Chickering Cachet.



Jackson - Chickering Cachet. Four (4) Plate numbers.



Jackson - Chickering Cachet - Addition of batter, catcher & umpire.

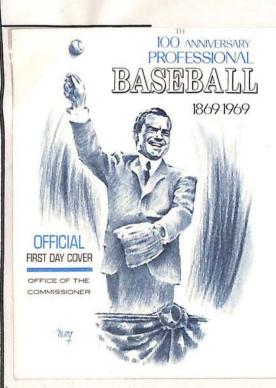


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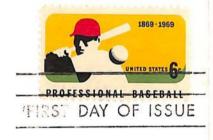




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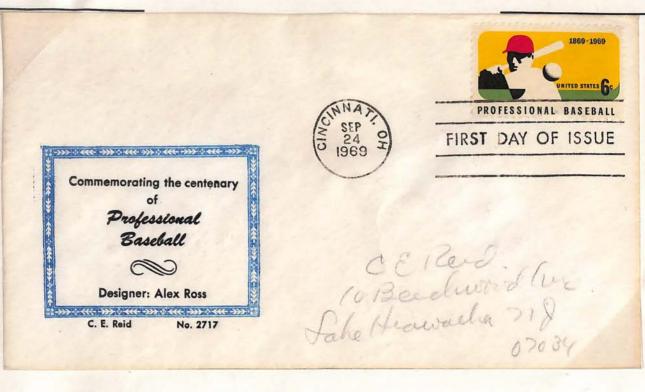






Senator Frank E. Moss Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Marg/Commissioner of Baseball Cachet.



Clarence E. Reid Cachet.



Rubber stamped Cachet. - David C.







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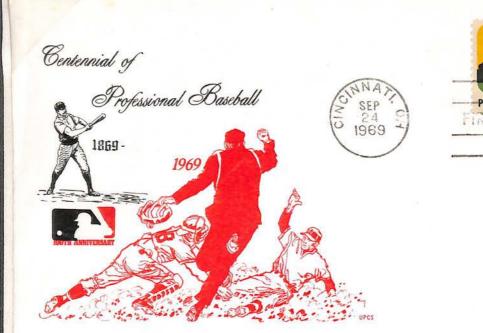
Rubber stamped Cachet. Unknown. Signed by "Vinegar Bend" Mizell and Sen. Robert Taft.







Clyde Sarzin Metallic Cachet. Depicts Mets pitcher Tom Seaver. Signed by Jim Bunning, pitched no-hitters in American & National L.





UPCS Cachet.

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Van Dahl General Purpose Cachet.



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Mr.Norman Walker, 1837 W. State, Alliance, Ohio 44601

Vivid Cachet. - Edward Warneford - His last Cachet.

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Oliver Wakeman Cachet.



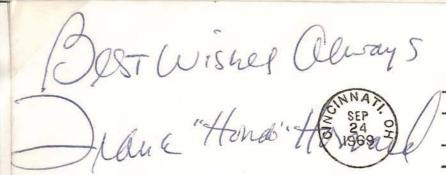




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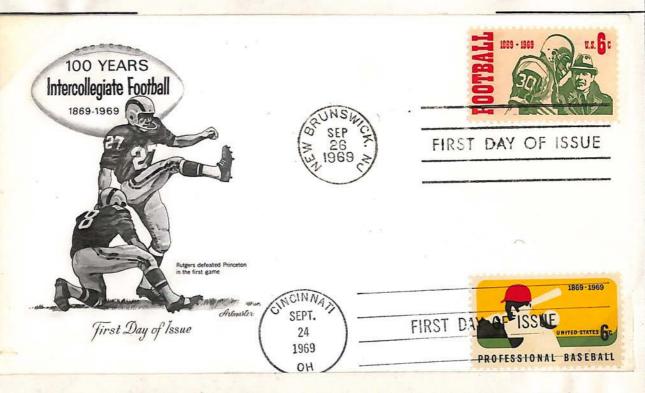
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Baseball-Football on uncacheted envelope with First Day Postmarks.

Autographed by Frank "Hondo" Howard - Ballplayer and Manager.



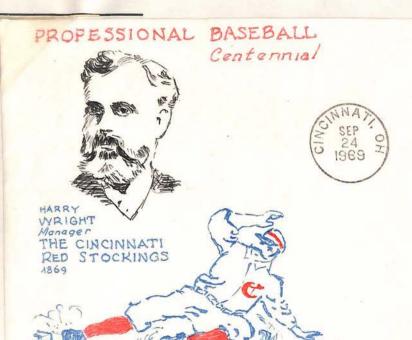
Artmaster Football with both baseball & football First Day Postmarks.

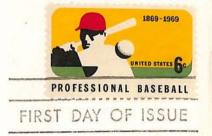


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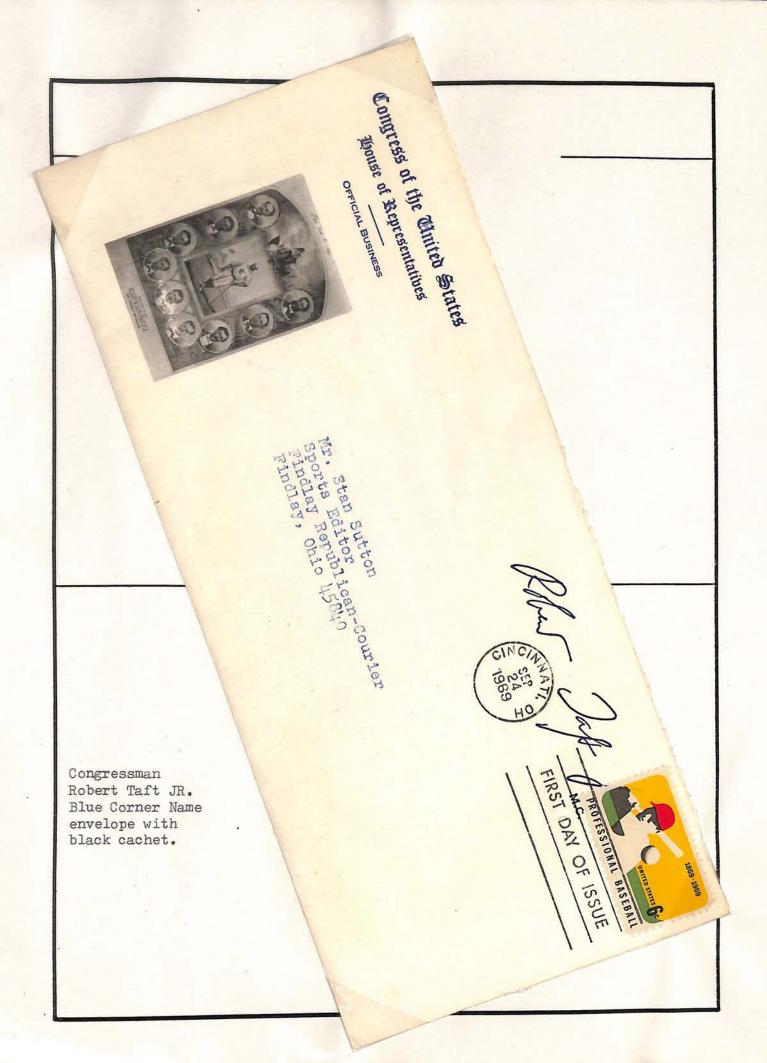
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Cooperstown, New York, was the so-called birthplace of a game called base-ball in 1839 when Abner Doubleday reorganized the game and put it on the road to become the sport which is known today. A native New Yorker, Doubleday was born in Ballston Spa, graduated from West Point in 1842, fought in the Mexican War and at Gettysburg in the Civil War, where he distinguished himself.

Baseball has been known for years as the national game in the United States although it is extremely popular in many Latin American countries as well as in the Far East. In action, the game is played between two teams staffed with nine men on each side. The field is in the form of a diamond with nine ty feet between each of the four bases. The pitcher really starts the game when he throws the ball something over sixty feet to the catcher. The batter attempts to connect with the ball and thus reach first base and eventually travel around the bases to safely reach home plate. Teams bat until there are three outs and an inning is completed when each team has made three outs. Generally the game lasts for nine innings although rules are in the book to alter this when certain circumstances prevail.

The year 1969 represents the centenary of professional baseball. It was in Cincinnati in 1869 that players of the Red Stockings became the first to work for salaries which ranged from \$800 to \$1400 a year. By 1867 the National Association of Baseball Players consisted of 237 clubs. The National League was established in 1876 and the American League in 1903. To list baseball's immortals would be a gigantic task, but high on such a list would be Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner and Connie Mack.

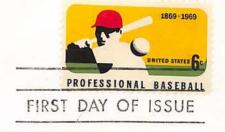
Professional baseball today is divided up into many leagues. Play starts in the spring following training camp workouts. The major leagues end the season in autumn with the World Series to decide the nation's top team. To help celebrate the one hundredth birthday of professional baseball the U. S. Post Office Department issued a commemorative stamp on September 24, 1969, with the first day sale at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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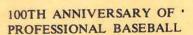
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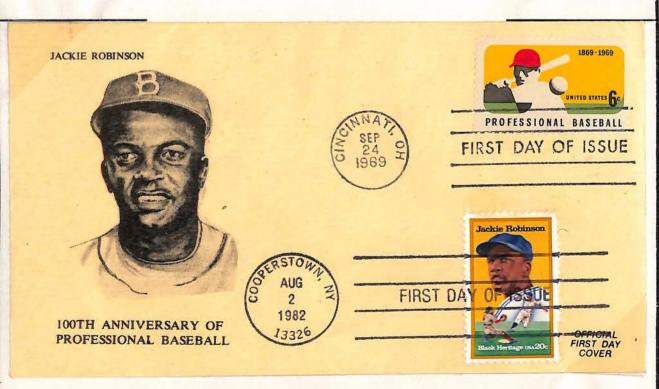






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